

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

France COUTURE et al.

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For: NOVEL CHLAMYDIA ANTIGENS AND CORRESPONDING DNA
FRAGMENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:


--This application claims benefit under 35 USC 119 of Provisional Application Serial No. 60/250,941, filed December 21, 2001, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. --

REMARKS

The above amendment merely inserts the statement regarding domestic priority under 35 USC 119.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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